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Mater Dei's Christopher Street, left, changes direction as he avoids a tackle by Mission Viejo defenders.
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Powerful performance

Mater Dei overwhelms Mission Viejo, 49-21, in the semifinals of the CIF-SS Division 1 football playoffs.

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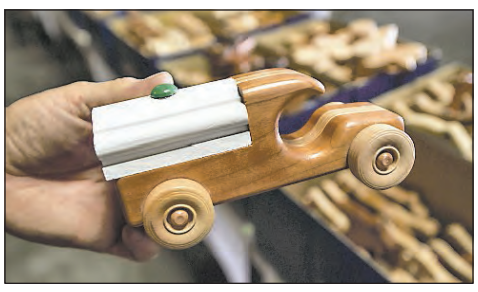
TOY MAKERS

What started as a block of wood turns into a truck made by the woodworkers.



A woodworker made use of surplus moulding to finish this truck.

Walking ducks made by members of the Orange County Woodworkers Association.

RESHAPING LIVES

Woodworker group's head elf long dreamt of teaching woodshop; he finally carved a path there

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Members of the Orange County Woodworkers Association gather in Anaheim after spending all year building toys for sick children.

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When he left the Air Force in the 1950s, his dream was as simple as they come.

He had always loved woodshop; loved how you could start with a solid block of beech or mahogany or ash and, after lots of cutting, shaving and sanding, you'd end up with a race car or a memory box. He took woodshop for three years at Central High in Waseca, Minnesota. He wanted to be a woodshop teacher.

But life has a way of messing up dreams — or, sometimes, of putting them off for a few decades.

After he left the Air Force, Bill Rogers got married, had kids and took a job working in sales and customer service at the Sears in Torrance. Later, he

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RETAIL

Black Friday: Fun without the frenzy

Traditionally intense day of bargain hunting gives way to shopping throughout weekend

Staff report

Has the Black Friday frenzy finally fizzled?

The crowds across Southern California on Friday grew from mild in the morning to manageable by the afternoon, and seemingly all but forgotten were those long-ago melees for must-have toys and TVs.

Shopping the day after Thanksgiving has been subdued by a sales pitch that starts on the holiday and continues through Cyber Monday. About 69 percent of Americans, or 164 million people, were expected to shop at some point over the five days, according to the National Retail Federation. A federation survey predicted Black Friday would remain the busiest day, with about 115 million people planning to shop.

But savvy shoppers are wise to new tricks, often comparing prices on their smartphones

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Black Friday shoppers look for deals early Friday morning at Irvine Spectrum Center in Irvine.

TERRORISM

MILITANTS KILL 235 IN ATTACK ON MOSQUE IN EGYPT

The scale and target of the multipronged strike shock the nation

By Declan Walsh and Nour Youssef
The New York Times

CAIRO » Militants detonated a bomb inside a crowded mosque Friday and then sprayed gunfire on panicked worshippers as they fled the building, killing at least 235 people and wounding at least 109 others. Officials called it the deadliest terrorist attack in Egypt's modern history.

The scale and ruthlessness of the assault, in an area of the Sinai Peninsula racked by an Islamic insurgency, sent shock waves across the nation — not just for the number of deaths but also for the choice of target. Attacks on mosques are rare in Egypt, where the Islamic State has targeted Coptic Christian churches and pilgrims but avoided Muslim places of worship.

The attack injected a new element into Egypt's struggle with militants because most of the victims were Sufi Muslims, who practice a mystical form of Is-

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New president promotes economic revival

Mnangagwa

Emmerson Mnangagwa, the new president of Zimbabwe, promised at his inauguration that foreign investment in the nation will be safe and that Democratic elections will be held as scheduled. NEWS 3

SAFETY

Holiday hazards abound

Setting up Christmas trees. Installing and powering up holiday lights. Lifting lots of things. It can all be dangerous. FOCUS ON NEWS 9

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